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MEMORANDUM FOR: Director of Central Intelligence

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Chief, Latin America Division, OPA
SUBJECT : Nicaraguan Export of Revolution

1. We have had a long and disturbing problem with State over this issue. You will recall that we prepared a memorandum for Zbigniew Brzezinski on 27 August concluding that it was our judgment that the Nicaraguans were exporting their revolution. We prepared the memorandum because we objected to INR's study for Secretary Muskie arguing that no conclusive evidence of Nicaraguan assistance to Salvadoran revolutionaries exists. The INR study served as the basis for President Carter's signing of the certification to Congress and the provision of the \$75 million package to the Nicaraguans.

2. The latest problem arises from a draft NID feature to which State objects because it would undercut President Carter's certification. As I understand it, State does not object to the article per se, but asserts that the evidence is not conclusive. We do not claim that the evidence is conclusive, but rather that a persuasive case can be made that the Nicaraguans are supporting Central American insurgents.

3. The NID feature is consistent with our previous analysis of this issue. On 4 December 1979 we briefed the House Foreign Affairs Committee on Nicaraguan assistance to Salvadoran revolutionaries, and subsequently briefed other House and Senate subcommittees as well as individual Congressmen. A NID feature of 31 January 1980 presented similar conclusions. [REDACTED]

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